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THE CHAIRMAN

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

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The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
United States Senate
172 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Capito:

Thank you for your letter regarding broadband in rural West Virginia. Since my first day as Chairman of the FCC, my number one priority has been closing the digital divide and bringing the benefits of the Internet age to all Americans, no matter where they live, including the rural West Virginia communities we visited together. Thank you for supporting our efforts to bring digital hope to rural America.

In your letter, you express concerns regarding the limitations of ReConnect Program funding in areas that substantially overlap a Rural Digital Opportunity Fund eligible area. I have asked Commission staff to contact United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Utility Service staff regarding your concerns, and to keep you and your staff informed on the status of these discussions.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ajit V. Pai". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A".

Ajit V. Pai